I, Ural E. Horton, Jr., being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to J. Allison Conley who has identified himself to me and whom I know to be an Inspector with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have been advised by Mr. Conley that Mrs. Nan Fenner and employee of the Dallas Office of the FBI has alleged that in April 1975 I related to her that when Gordon Shanklin, then Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Office, and I were driving to the retirement party for Coleman Mabray I told Shanklin about Lee Harvey Oswald coming into the office and leaving a threatening note. Mrs. Fenner alleged that I told her that Shanklin almost jumped out of the car on hearing this.

Concerning Mrs. Fenner's allegation, as I recall in January 1974 shortly after Mabray retired as Senior Resident Agent at Abilene Texas Shanklin asked me to accompany him to Abilene to attend a retirement dinner for Mabray. Enroute to Abilene by car and I was driving, a conversation took place concerning SA Hosty, formerly assigned to the Dallas office and now assigned at Kansas City. As I recall Shanklin initiated the conversation concerning Hosty by indicating when he was recently in Kansas City for a conference with Director Kelley, Mr. Kelley had expressed concern over the reason for Hosty being transferred. I gathered that Hosty had seen Director Kelley concerning this matter. Shanklin mentioned he was aware that I had at one time been assigned to Kansas City when Director Kelley was Criminal Supervisor in that office. At this point Shanklin indicated Mr. Kelley was looking into Hosty's situation and apparently Director Kelley had asked Shanklin what he knew about Hosty, and what kind of an agent Hosty had been in Dallas. Shanklin then asked me what I thought of Hosty

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and I replied I thought Hosty was a "damn fool" if it was true he had gotten a note from Oswald and not opened a case on Oswald or checked further into it. I made this statement to Shanklin because during the assassination investigation I had heard that Hosty had received a note from Oswald allegedly containing a threat against Hosty. In addition to my comment about Hosty I also told Shanklin in my opinion Hosty was a very capable agent. I think I then told Shanklin that I never knew why Hosty and Special Agent Ken Howe had been transferred after working the security portion of the assassination investigation. After my comments Shanklin acted astonished at my statements but I can not recall any specific words he might have said, if any, in response to my comments about Hosty and the note. I had a feeling that Shanklin was surprised at my comments but I am unable to further explain why I got the distinct impression that he was surprised. I do not recall that Shanklin indicated in any way of having knowledge of an Oswald note. To the best of my recollection nothing further was said about Hosty, Howe or the note.

In either late March or early April 1975 shortly before my retirement from the FBI (Dallas office) and while in the Dallas office space a discussion was engaged in by several employees concerning a Dallas radio station commenting on the reopening of the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Prior to this discussion I had a conversation with SA Vince Drain about the radio station rehashing the assassination and informed Drain of the conversation I had with Shanklin in January 1974 and Shanklin's apparent surprise at my mentioning the Oswald note.

Sometime later during thissame day I observed Drain, Mrs. Fenner and several other unrecalled employees engaged in conversation. Mrs. Fenner called to me at my desk and asked me to come over to the group. On doing so Mrs. Fenner asked me about what I had earlier related to Drain about the Oswald note and Shanklin's surprise. I then related the incident as set forth above and while I can not recall the words I used to signify Shanklin's surprise I did in some words convey his surprise. Mrs. Fenner then commented, as best I can recall, that the "Boss" should have been surprised because she saw the "damn thing" referring to the note. As I recall she also said the note contained a threat but I do not recall if she said who the threat was against or if she elaborated any further in this regard. This is all I can remember her mentioning about the note.

As set forth above, sometime after the assassination of Kennedy and the killing of Oswald I heard about Oswald and a note to Hosty, but I can not recall who I heard this from or specifically the circumstances of my hearing this. I categorically deny having any first hand knowledge of Oswald visiting the office, of Oswald communicating in any way with Hosty and I have no knowledge, if any type of Oswald communication ever existed, as to its subsequent disposition.

I have read each of the five pages of this affidavit and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ Ural E. Horton Jr.

Sworn and subscribed before me on July 23, 1975 at Buffalo, Wyoming

Witness: J. Allison Conley, Inspector, FBI /s/

David M. Comeaux, FBI, Denver, Colo. /s/